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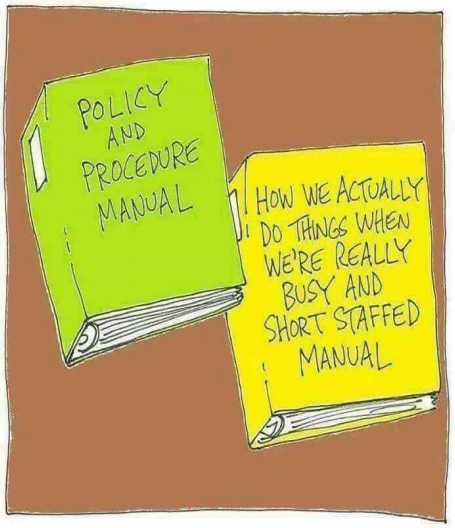
President's Message

Hey there everyone!!! Hope all is well and your warehouses are in tip-top shape. Over the last few months I have been working hard in the warehouse ensuring the items being stored are in their proper place. Recently completed a 100% inventory of the drug room and was pleasantly pleased to find out that I only had two discrepancies. Turns out that I showed two items (glass bongs) that were still in inventory but had been purged sometime ago. Thankfully it was an easy fix. I had the documentation to show the chain of custody and the authorization for the purge but somehow during my "shopping" experience I neglected to scan the barcode and show the item removed from the case.

In a recent article by Joe Latta from the International Association for Property and Evidence states that "One of the most important reasons for barcode is to conduct inventories. In theory your software should allow you to scan a storage location and then scan the items on the shelf. When complete the computer should provide a "discrepancy report" sometime referred to as "exception report". The report should provide a listing of items not scanned and items on the shelf that don't belong in that specific location. If you are scanning a package (one barcode), with four items the scan is only validating the package is there. If one of the items in the package was in court, lab or returned to the owner the inventory would not know and suggest it is on the shelf and accounted for." (For more on this article refer to the July 2018 IAPE monthly newsletter). I'm thankful that my evidence management system was able to do just that, making this inventory a breeze. I hope you all have something similar in place and are able to complete your inventories in a timely manner and reconciling your discrepancies.

I'm looking forward to our next meeting in Gilbert and in seeing all of you. Projects are in the works and as always the Association can use your help. It doesn't take much time to help and it is appreciated as it makes this organization stronger. As always if you have an interesting article or useful information please share it. Take care and see you soon.

Jason Michael—President



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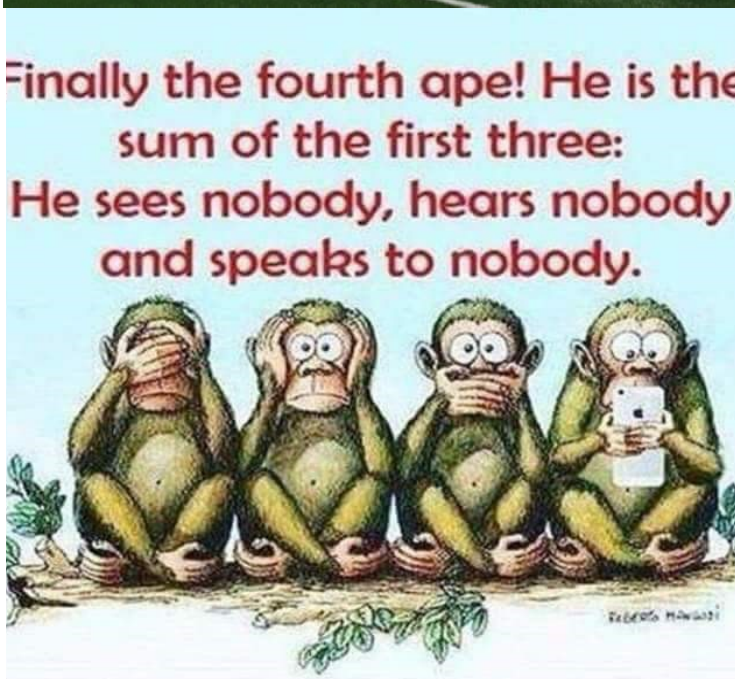
This should also apply to adults as well.
Please be safe… Don't drive distracted.



The Fall Meeting will be held at:

Gilbert Police Department

Wednesday
September 12th, 2018

4760 S. Greenfield Dr.
Gilbert, AZ 85297

Meet and Greet at 9am
Meeting starts at 10am

The text can wait…
We managed before the cell phone we can manage now.

Have an interesting story or unusual item that was brought in to your warehouse?

Don't hold back…
Share it…
Send your ideas, comments, photos, and interesting articles to
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Ohio police chief fatally overdosed on drugs taken from evidence room, investigators say

By Kaitlyn Schallhorn, Fox News

An Ohio police chief died from an accidental fentanyl overdose after the drugs were removed from his department's evidence room, officials said Wednesday. Kirkersville Police Chief James Hughes Jr. was found unresponsive in his home May 25 and pronounced dead shortly after, the Newark Advocate reported. An autopsy revealed he died from "acute intoxication by fentanyl." Reynoldsburg Police Department Lt. Ron Wright, whose department is still investigating, told the newspaper that packaging was discovered "that indicated that he was taking controlled substances from" the evidence room. According to the coroner's office, a plastic sandwich bag found where Hughes died tested positive for cocaine. A syringe was also determined to be positive for fentanyl, the Newark Advocate reported.

Hughes, who was 35 years old, had only been on the job for a few months before he died. "He was hired in March and wasn't here that long, but he kept me informed [about] what was going on," Kirkersville Mayor Terry Ashcraft told the Newark Advocate after Hughes' death. "A lot of stuff goes on in this town, and he'd come and done his job and never had a complaint on him." Hughes left behind a wife and three young children. A GoFundMe account was set up to help the family, and the Kirkersville Village Council provided $1,500 to help cover funeral expenses. Wright said he plans to contact the state's attorney general's office once the investigation is completed so the state can look into the Kirkersville Police Department's practices, especially when it comes to the evidence room.

Thank you Tim Peterson from Sierra Vista Police Department for sharing this article.

As property technicians we handle things that, well let's say are not your ordinary daily objects. It is easy to get complacent in our day to day duties. Please ensure you take the time to protect yourself and how you handle the products that come into your warehouse.

Calling All Members:

Dues for the 2018—2019 membership year are now due for 2018—2019. For those of you tht need to renew your membership you can find the renewal form on our website under "Become a Member" http://azape.org/ If you have any questions concerning your membership please contact Mary Alinen.
Thank you all for your support.

EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS
Experts in property/evidence room inspections and audits

Is this what your property/evidence room(s) looks like?

Would you rather have your room(s) look like this??

Evidence Management Specialists performs independent, unbiased inspections/audits of your property/evidence room and will provide your Chief/Sheriff with a comprehensive report which may show that you are overworked (and possibly underpaid), understaffed and in need of equipment and supplies necessary to properly manage your property/evidence room. It is important to note that most inspections and audits are not evaluations of personnel or their ability to perform their job duties, but rather an evaluation of the methods and processes in place for managing the property/evidence and an agency's ability/willingness to comply with accepted industry standards. Often times, an outside audit of an agency's property/evidence room is the mechanism needed to motivate command staff to make improvements to existing facilities, enhance security measures, and provide the tools and equipment necessary to allow staff to properly manage their property/evidence.

An inspection of your property/evidence room includes digital pictures of all storage areas, documentation of the condition of the storage facility/facilities and security measures used to store/secure your property/evidence, and recommendations (if any are needed) to improve the facility and security measures in order to meet generally accepted property/evidence industry standards.

An audit of your property/evidence room includes an evaluation of your methods for accepting, rejecting, storing, transferring and disposing of property/evidence as compared to your agencies written policies/procedures as well as complying with professional property/evidence industry standards for property/evidence management (International Association for Property and Evidence [IAPE] and the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies [CALEA]).

Please contact Lane Darling with Evidence Management Specialists to discuss if an inspection and/or audit of your property/evidence room is necessary and how to approach your chain of command about requesting an inspection and/or audit. Lane can be contacted at 480-383-3946 or via e-mail at EMS.INAZ@YAHOO.COM .

MOUTH-HEALTHY RECIPE: BLUEBERRY FROZEN YOGURT

Ingredients:	Directions:
3 cups fresh blueberries	After enjoying the hot weather, cool off with a treat that'll keep your smile shining. The yogurt in this refreshing recipe has calcium to support teeth and strengthen bones. Plus, the blueberries are full of vitamin C, which can help keep gums healthy.[20]
2 cups low-fat Greek yogurt	
½ cup agave nectar	
¼ teaspoon pure vanilla extract	

HOW TO PROPERLY DESTROY FIREARMS

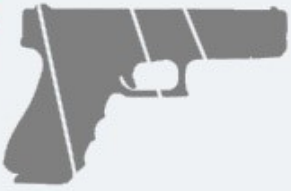
What are ATF's Acceptable Destruction Procedures

- Use an **oxy/acetylene torch** (not band sawed)
- Must remove at least **¼ inch of metal per cut**
- Must be made at angles & completely sever the receiver in **at least 3 critical locations** (specified by model)

Acceptable method of destruction is to **completely melt (smelt), shred or crush the firearm receiver.** These **torch cuts are acceptable alternatives** to shredding.

1 Must pass through the **forward wall or barrel mounting area**

Revolvers & Pistols



Long Guns (Rifles & Shot Guns)

2 Must pass through the **rear wall**

3 Must pass through an area having a **critical fire-control-component mounting pin and/or the slot in which the operating handle reciprocates**

An unserviceable firearm is not destroyed and is still regulated as a "firearm" under Federal law. Any method of destruction must render the firearm so that is is not restorable to a firing condition and is otherwise reduced to scrap.

Some firearm designs may need more than three cuts to be considered destroyed. Contact your local ATF field office for specific guidance.

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VENDOR'S PAGE

QueTel

QueTel's business is tracking and managing uniquely numbered items – serialized equipment, physical evidence, digital files, documents, and people – for law enforcement business operations. Each poses separate challenges, but all share the need to permit authorized users to know where the unique item while securely handling and storing the data or item itself.

Evidence Management System

Our paperless physical evidence management system that can simplify evidence tracking and save officer time from submission through approval for disposition.

https://www.quetel.com/products/digital-evidence-management-system/

WANTED

Volunteers for the Arizona Association for Property and Evidence.

The Association is in need of more volunteers from its members to help contribute and learn the rolls that make up the Association.

Training Committee Personnel– If anyone is interested in joining they can assist at the seminar to become familiar with the duties of putting on a seminar. Ideas are needed and the more help that is provided makes for a smooth operation.

Remember that if you use a vendor see if they would like to become a corporate sponsor.

Your help is greatly appreciated as well as your time. Thank You

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Case Filings for Superior Court and Five Year Trend - Fiscal Years 2013-2017

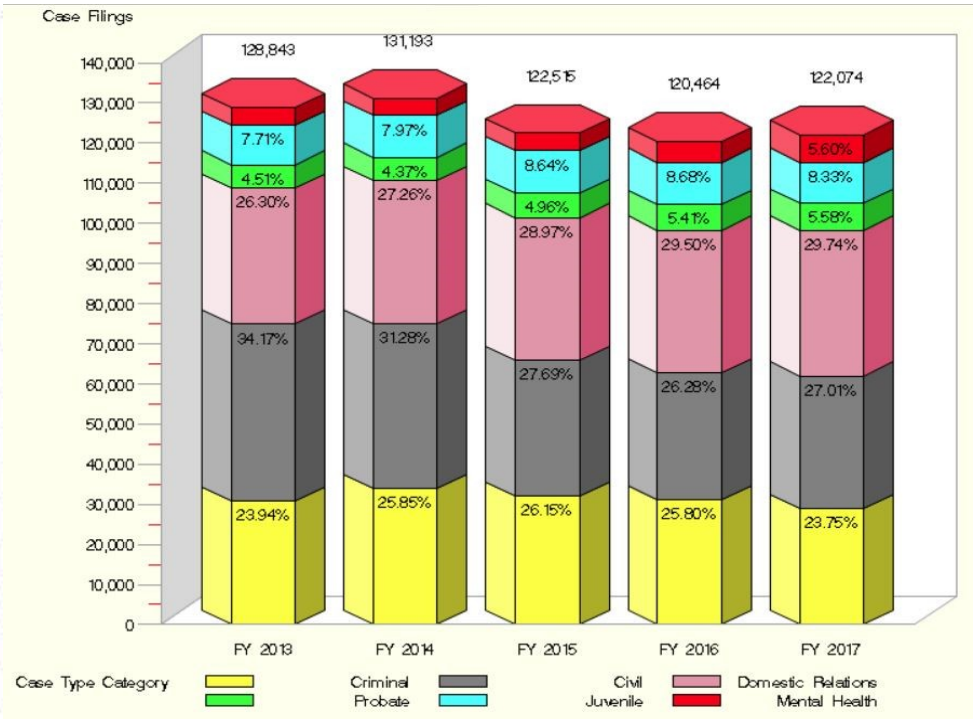
Case filings in Arizona's courts decreased by 2.9%, from 1,917,424 in FY 2016 to 1,861,628 in FY 2017. Criminal filings decreased slightly, from 372,183 in FY 2016 to 370,416 in FY 2017. During the same period traffic filings decreased by 62,406 filings or 5.6%. Civil filings increased this year, up from 313,559 in FY 2016 to 324,292 in FY 2017, an increase of 3.4%. The category for "Other" filings which includes various appellate cases, local non-criminal violations in the limited jurisdiction courts and other miscellaneous filings, decreased by 2.0%. Appellate court filings experienced a notable increase during FY 2017, up 15.4%, while general jurisdiction filings were relatively flat. Filings in the limited jurisdiction were down 3.4% from last fiscal year, justice court filings increased 1.1% while municipal court filings decreased 6.5% during the same period.

Total case dispositions (including transfers out) decreased by 7.6%, from 2,094,603 in FY 2016 to 1,934,396 in FY 2017. Dispositions decreased across all major categories including criminal (-7.8%), traffic (-8.0%), civil (-1.9%), and "other" (-17.6%).

Statewide, jury trials decreased from 1,979 in FY 2016 to 1,592 in FY 2017, a decrease of 387 trials of 19.6%. Court trials increased 2.8% during the same period, up from 13,320 to 13,690. Non-Jury trials account for 89.6% of the total trials statewide, while jury trials account for the remaining 10.4%.

Petitions for orders of protection increased slightly from 34,960 in FY 2016 to 35,448 in FY 2017, an increase of 1.4%. Of the total protective orders filed during FY 2017, 87.2% were issued. An additional 16,730 petitions for injunctions against harassment were filed statewide during FY 2017, up 120 filings or just under 1.0%. Of the injunctions against harassment filed, 77.6% were issued during the fiscal year.

County ID#	County	Ranked Order	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Terminated
7	MARICOPA	1	122,074	119,668
10	PIMA	2	28,791	27,251
11	PINAL	3	8,853	8,628
13	YAVAPAI	4	6,007	5,791
8	MOHAVE	5	5,494	6,000
14	YUMA	6	4,719	5,083
3	COCONINO	7	2,977	2,761
2	COCHISE	8	2,963	3,065
9	NAVAJO	9	2,471	2,466
4	GILA	10	1,615	2,282
12	SANTA CRUZ	11	1,188	1,176
5	GRAHAM	12	1,134	1,241
1	APACHE	13	935	1,028
15	LA PAZ	14	663	560
6	GREENLEE	15	274	280



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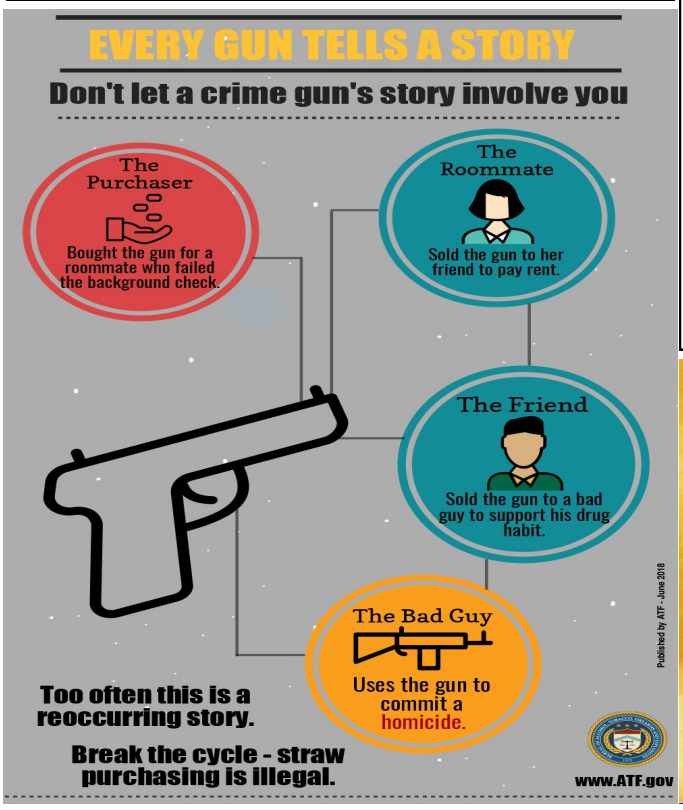
DID YOU KNOW???

Question came up recently about what to do with Counterfeit products such as purses and wallets.

44-1453. Counterfeit Marks; violations; classification; presumption; seizure; forfeiture; remedies and definitions.

H. After a disposition or final judgment, on the request of the intellectual property owner, a law enforcement officer shall release all seized items that bear a counterfeit mark to the intellectual property owner for destruction or disposition. If the intellectual property owner does not request the release of the seized items that bear a counterfeit mark, the law enforcement officer shall destroy the items unless the intellectual property owner consents to another form of disposition.



World Wide Web Resources

HB2371 AAPE Sponsored bill on unclaimed property:
http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill_Number=2371&Session_Id=107

Department of Health Services comments on medical marijuana:
http://www.azdhs.gov/prop203/

Find your state legislator, or what district you live in:
www.azleg.gov
And click on "How do I Find My Legislators".

Find Arizona Revised Statutes at :
http://www.azleg.state.az.us/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp

Find City Municipal Codes at :
www.municode.com/library/clientlisting.aspx?stateid=3

Find the Arizona Association for Property & Evidence at:
http://208.106.133.174/

Find the International Association of Property & Evidence at: http://www.iape.org

Find the Arizona State Retirement System at:
www.azasrs.gov

Find the Arizona Public Safety Retirement System at:
http://www.psprs.com/

Arizona Emergency Information Network
http://www.azein.gov/azein/default.aspx

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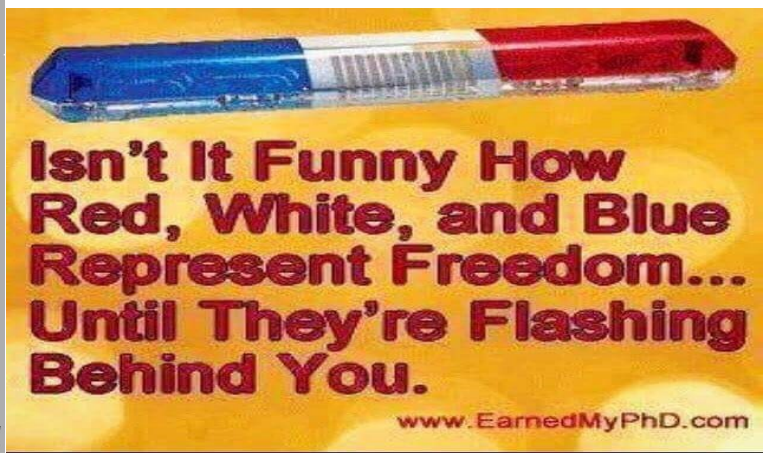

RULES OF THUMB

Think big on a small scale: A clear idea should fit on the back of a business card.—Morris Cooper

Plug and Play: An extension cord should be as thick as the cord you plug into it.—John Brink

Acquire Bad Taste: Cheap beer is good beer, free beer is great beer. Dan O'Brien

AAPE SHIRTS

For those of you that are interested in an AAPE Shirt you can bring in your own polo-shirt and for a minimal fee of $7 to $8 an AAPE logo will be sewn on to your shirt.
Your shirt will then be returned back to you at the upcoming two day conference in Prescott, AZ.
Any questions or comments please contact Sandie Imberi
AAPE Treasurer
602-525-3685

Patton On Leadership:

#23 — GET OUT FROM BEHIND

I want you to know that I do not judge the efficiency of an officer by the calluses on his butt.

Patton had no patience with officers wedded to their swivel chairs. For him, a leader was by definition active—personally involved in the front lines, personally monitoring the execution of orders, and taking every opportunity to make himself physically present to the members of his command. Management by remote control is doomed to fail.

Based on the best-selling book by Alan Axelrod: *Patton on Leadership: Strategic Lessons For Corporate Warfare*

Never trouble trouble til trouble troubles you.

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Get a Kit, Make a Plan, and Be Informed

You can take steps now to help you prepare for an emergency and cope if a public health emergency, such as a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or disease outbreaks happens. We've provided step-by-step actions to help you prepare before an emergency to protect yourself and your loved ones.

https://www.cdc.gov/phpr/areyouprepared/index.htm

A man was mistakenly released from jail — but his wife brought him back just two hours later

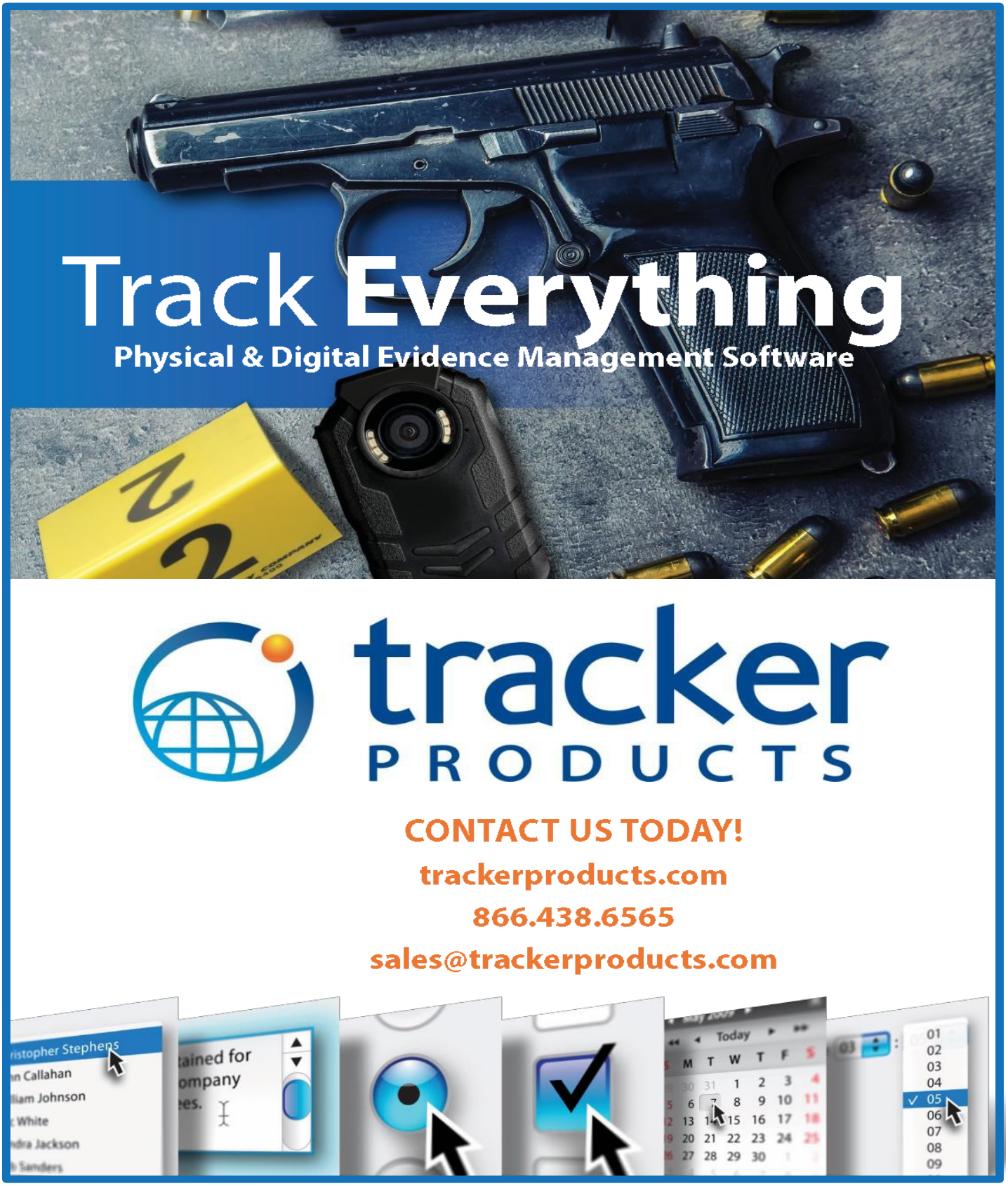
An inmate mistakenly released from jail enjoyed a full two hours of freedom before his wife drove him back and made him turn himself in.

Thirty-eight-year-old James Rynerson of Grand Junction, Colorado, was blessed with what he believed to be a stroke of good fortune late last month when an identity mix-up resulted in his being accidentally freed from Colorado's Mesa County Jail. According to The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, Rynerson was being held on a $2,000 cash bond while awaiting prosecution on menacing, disorderly conduct and trespass charges.

Rynerson had at one point briefly shared a cell with inmate Marvin March, who eventually moved back into his own cell. However jail records neglected to note this change, so when March was called for release, guards went into Rynerson's cell to retrieve the only man within: James Rynerson.

The guards only realized their mistake when March approached them later that day to ask what time they planned on releasing him...not that it mattered much. By that point, Rynerson's wife had found him hiding in their apartment complex's garage and was already marching him back to jail.

According to Mesa County Sheriff's Sergeant Henry Stoffel, prison staff had failed to check Rynerson's wristband and picture when they let him go with March's paperwork, debit card, and leather jacket. Rynerson now faces a number of new charges, including escape, forgery, criminal impersonation and theft — all in exchange for a couple of lousy hours in a garage. Talk about a raw deal!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